

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent June 26, 2007. As described below, Applicant believes all claims to be allowable over the cited reference. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 14-16, 20, 23, 34-35, 39, 42, 47, 50, 55 and 58 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 28, 45 and 39 to include limitations similar or identical to the limitations of allowable Claims 20 and 39. Therefore, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-13, 17-19, 21-22, 24-33, 36-38, 40-41, 43-46, 48-49, 51-54, 56-67, and 59-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,574 issued to Oran ("*Oran*").

As noted above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 28, 45 and 39 to include limitations similar or identical to the limitations of allowable Claims 20 and 39. Although Applicant believes that Claims 1, 28, 45 and 39 are allowable without these amendments (for the reasons provided in Applicant's prior Appeal Brief), Applicant has amended Claims 1, 28, 45 and 39 to expedite allowance of the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 28, 45 and 39, as well as the other pending claims of the present application, which each depend from one these independent claims.

CONCLUSION


Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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